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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG



THE UNTHINKABLE
HAPPENS



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EGGMAN EMPIRE

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"...THEY NEVER
SAW THIS COMING."

I SAY HE'S
BEEN GONE TOO
LONG. WE NEED
TO GO OUT AND
LOOK FOR ESPIO.*

*WE SAW WHAT
HAPPENED TO HIM
LAST MONTH.

I'M SURE HE'S FINE.
YOU KNOW HE'D BE MAD
AT US IF WE DID GO
LOOKING.

I DON'T
WANT TO
INSULT
HIM.

I KNOW HE'S
TALENTED.

BUT I CAN'T
SHAKE THE
FEELING THAT
SOMETHING
BAD HAS
HAPPENED...

NEVER DOUBT
A GUARDIAN'S
INTUITION. YOU AND
I CAN GO OUT TO
LOOK FOR
ESPIO.

YOU'D
DO THAT,
ROUGE?

SHE'LL
DO ANY-
THING.

WATCH
IT,
PINKY.

WHOO
BOY.

I GUESS
IT'S A GOOD
SIGN THAT
WE CAN
AFFORD A
LITTLE
BANTER
LATELY.

YOU
WEAR
PINK!

KNOTHOLE
IS A BOOMING
LITTLE CITY. WE'VE
GOT A SWEET LITTLE
HOME-AWAY-FROM-
HOME HERE IN
FREEDOM HQ.

THINGS
HAVE NEVER
BEEN BETTER.
SALLY.

... WHILE THE
VILLAINS ARE ON
THE DECLINE. WE'VE
ALREADY GOT SOME
OF THE WORST
LOCKED AWAY
SAFELY.

FAMILIES ARE
REUNITING AFTER SO
MUCH TIME APART.
THE MONARCHY IS
YOUNG AND
STRONG...

AT THIS
RATE, WE'LL
TOPPLE
EGGMAN'S
EMPIRE IN
NO TIME.

WE'RE
JUST SHY
OF PERFECT.
IF ONLY
TAILS...

WHAT
ABOUT
TAILS?

I GET THE FEELING HE'S KEEPING SOMETHING FROM ME. THAT'S ALL.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, NICOLE? YOU'RE RUNNING REALLY SLOW.

I BELIEVE I'M FINE. I WILL RUN A DIAGNOSTIC NOW.

GOOD IDEA. WE DON'T KNOW IF SNIVELY DID ANYTHING TO SABOTAGE US BEFORE HE LEFT.* THANKS, ROTOR.

SURE THING, TAILS. SPEAKING OF RUNNING DIAGNOSTICS ON YOURSELF...

*BACK IN S# 162.

I'LL ADMIT IT'S BEEN HARD TO TAKE. IT'S BEEN HARD TO PROVE MYSELF AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER. AND HARDER STILL TO FAIL TO PROTECT THEM...

TAILS, YOU DIDN'T FAIL...

AND NEVERMIND SONIC. I FINALLY HAVE MY FAMILY BACK, AND I STILL HAVE ALL MY FRIENDS NEAR ME! I'LL BE FINE!

IF YOU SAY SO!

DIAGNOSTIC COMPLETE. SYSTEM COMPROMISED! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

RUMBLE!

KNOCK-KNOCK, MY FRIENDS.

AUGH!

ROTOR!

JUST LIKE FISH IN A BARREL!

KLZT!

SNIVELY
JUST
VAPORIZED
...!

BUNNIE! GET
HIM OUTSIDE
AND GIVE US
SOME ROOM!

AHM
ON IT,
SALLY-
GIRL!

OH,
I THINK
I CAN
HANDLE
YOU!

SONIC,
I WANT
YOU TO--

LAISSE'-
ELLE,
MONSTRE!

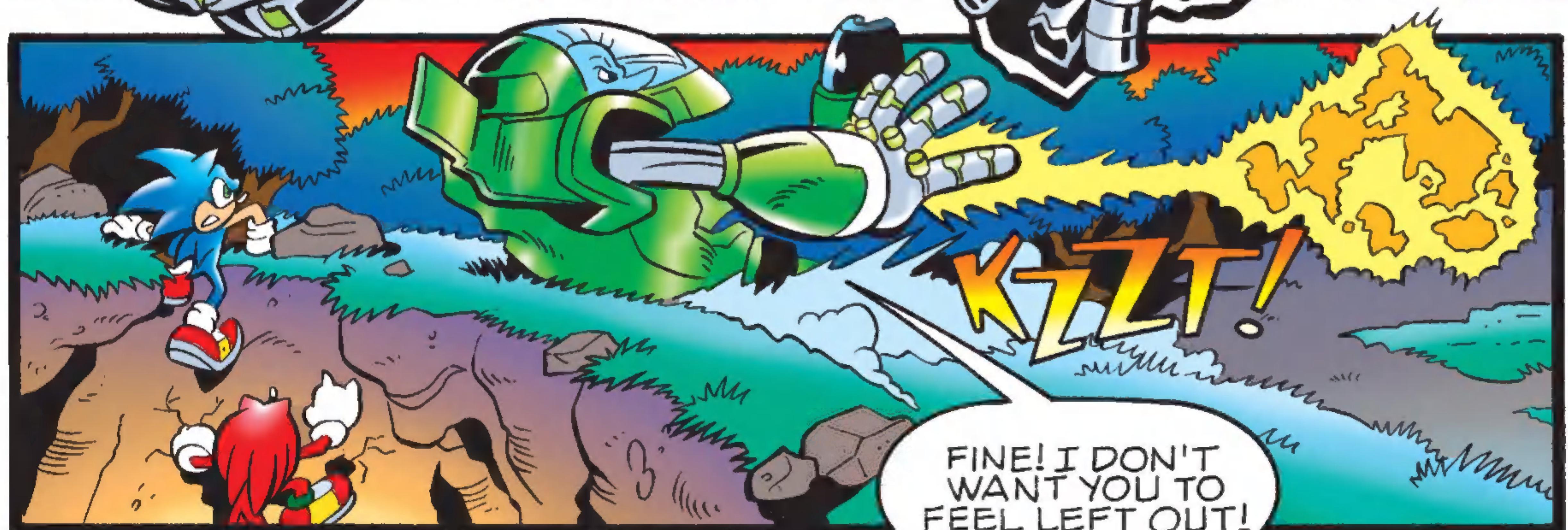
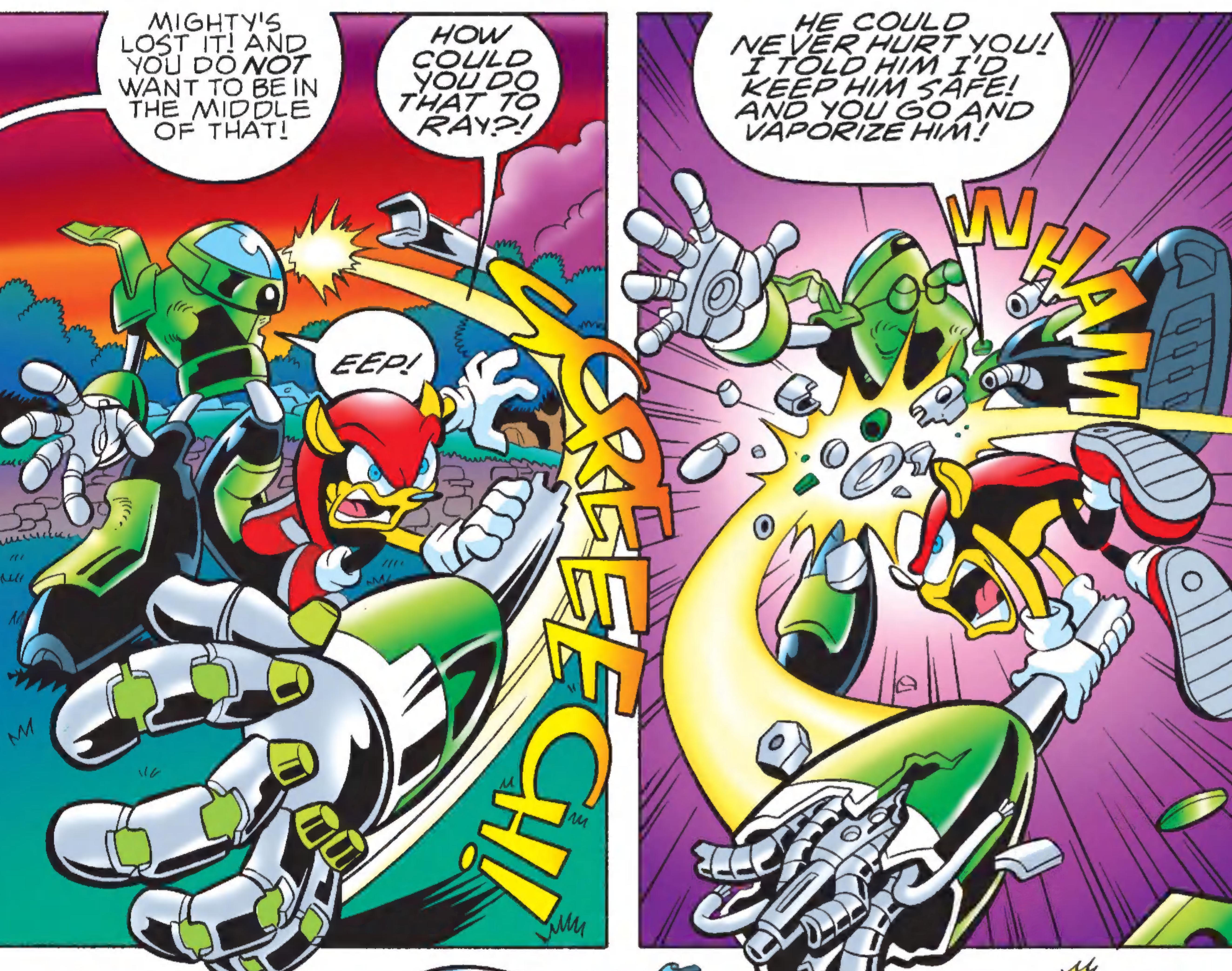
MIGHTY,
HELP ME!

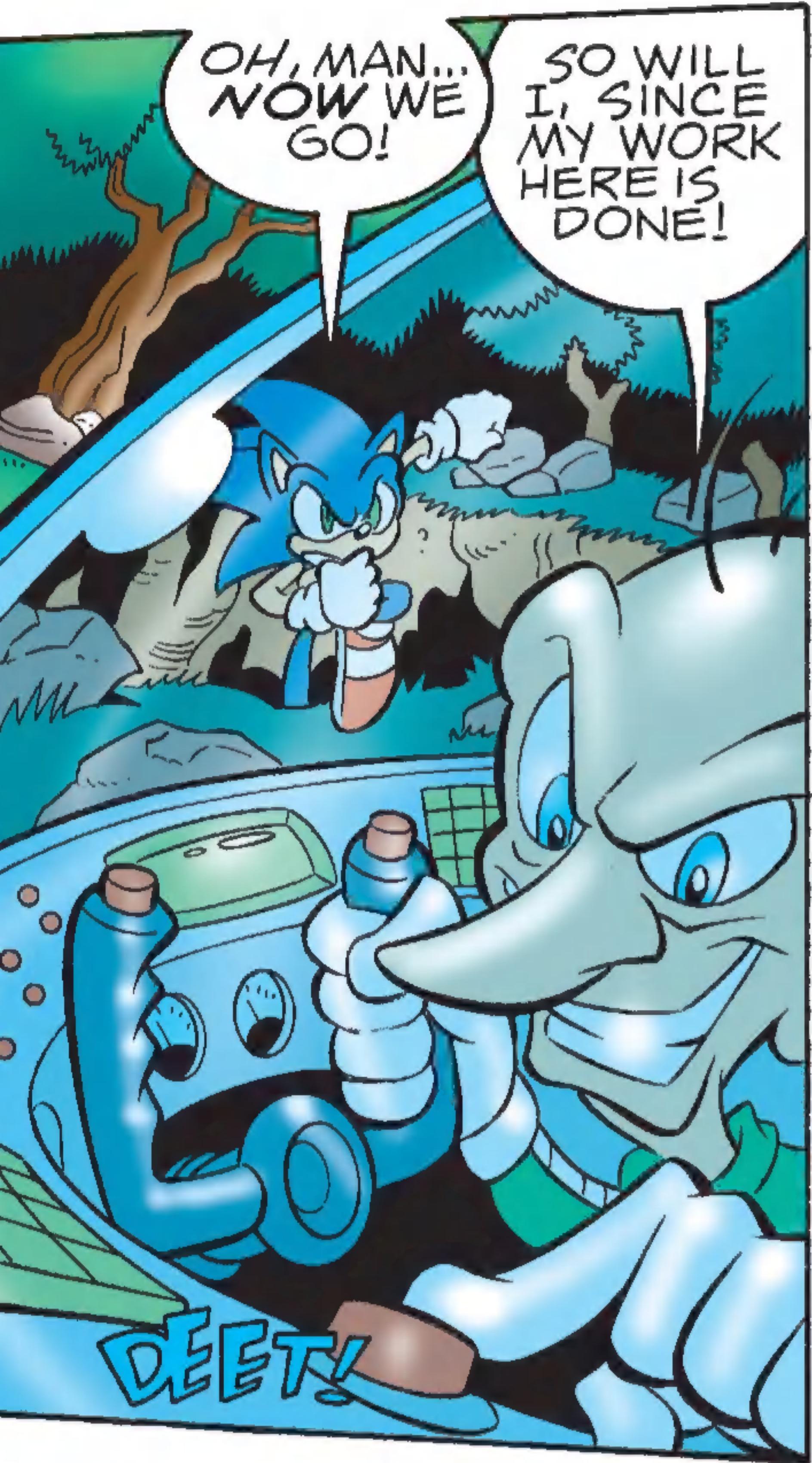
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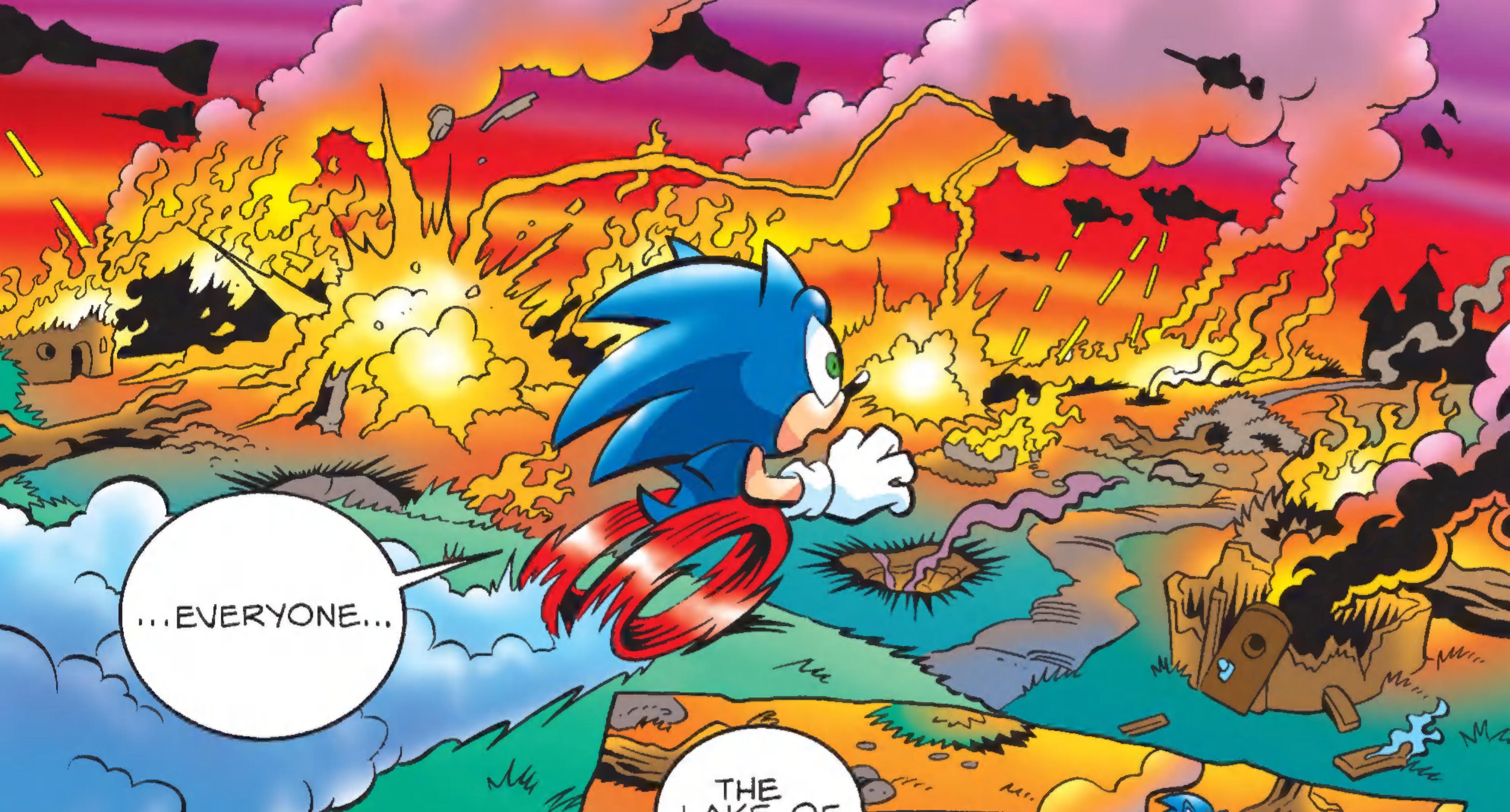
I SUPPOSE
I SHOULDN'T
SEPARATE THE
NEWLYWEDS.
BRACE YOUR-
SELF, BUNNIE.
THIS BURNS--

--A LOT?!

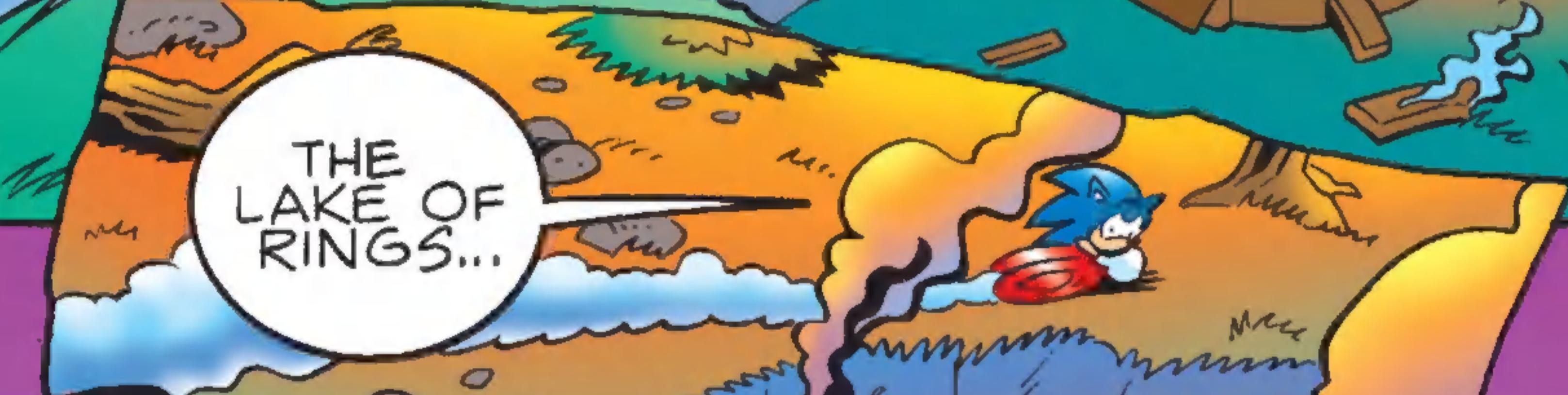
RARGH!







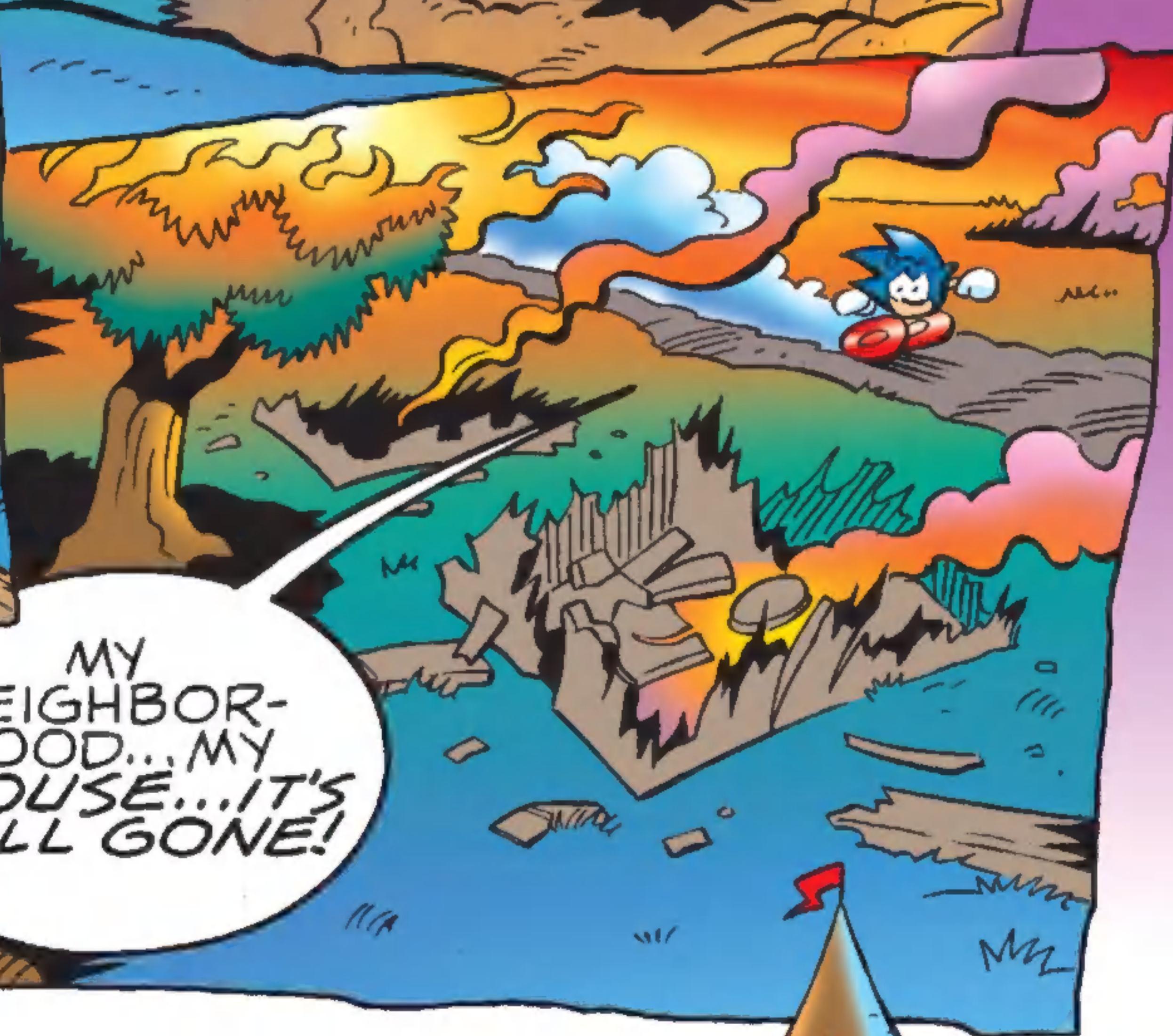
...EVERYONE...



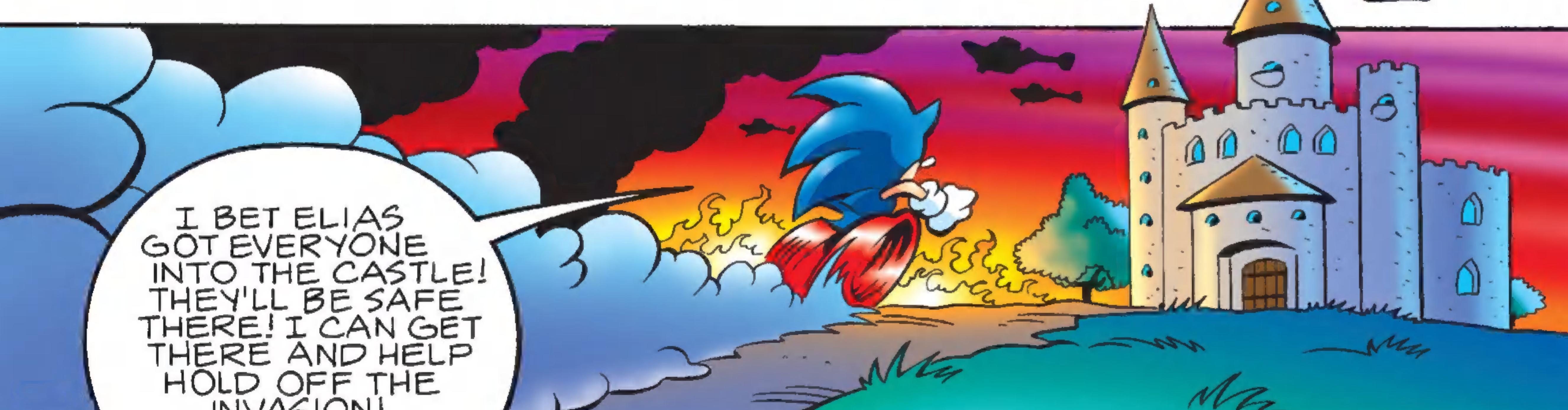
THE LAKE OF RINGS...



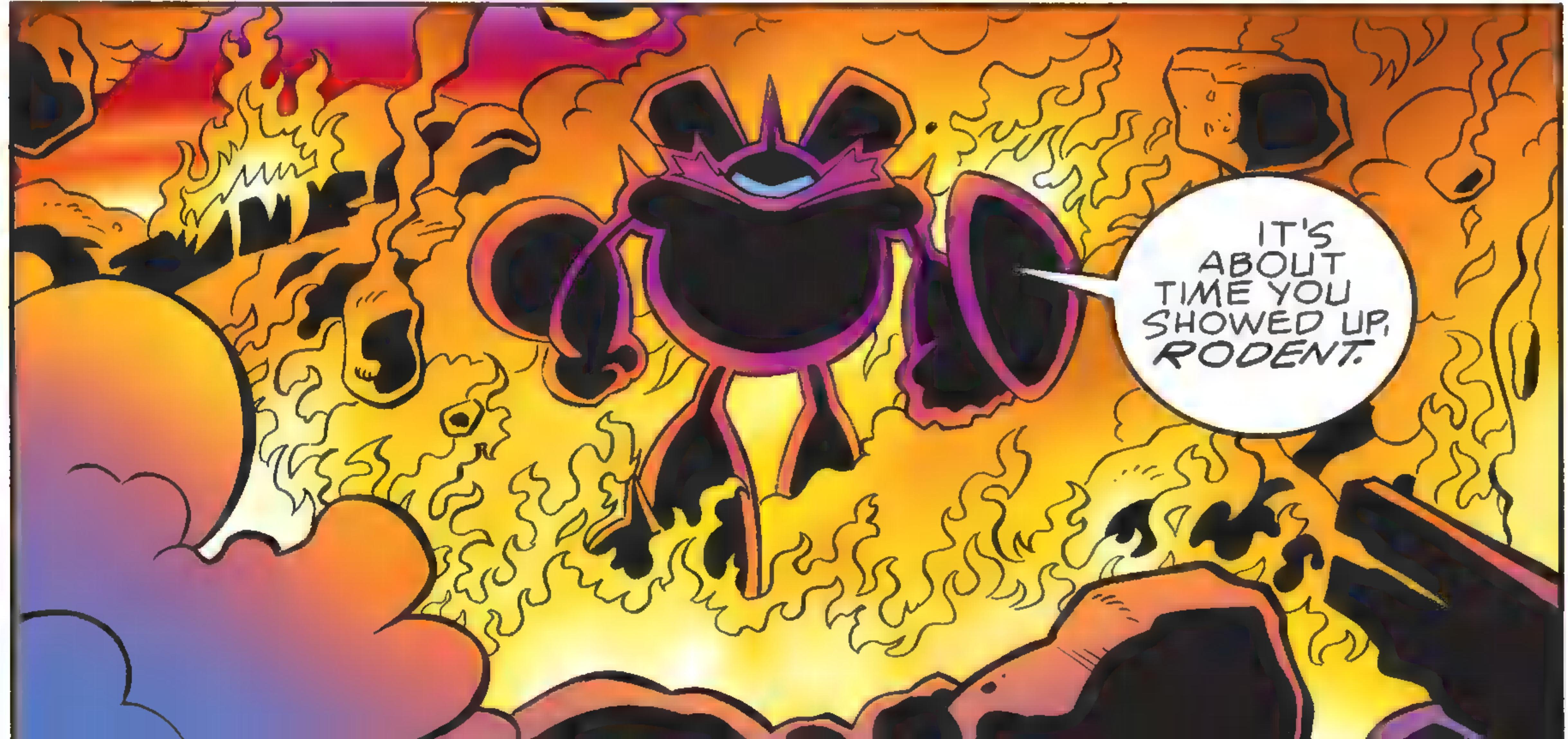
...UNCLE CHUCK'S DINER...



MY NEIGHBORHOOD... MY HOUSE... IT'S ALL GONE!



I BET ELIAS GOT EVERYONE INTO THE CASTLE! THEY'LL BE SAFE THERE! I CAN GET THERE AND HELP HOLD OFF THE INVASION!



ROBOTNIK...
EVERYONE
I EVER
CARED FOR...
MY FAMILY...
FRIENDS...
YOU...
THEY'RE...

CAPTURED,
SONIC. SNIVELY
AND I USED AN
ENHANCED TELE-
PORTING BEAM,
MUCH LIKE WHAT
I USED ON
MAMMOTH
MOGUL AND
HIS CROWD.*

*BACK IN S# 164

THEY'VE BEEN
TRANSPORTED
TO MY EGG GRAPES.
THERE IT WILL
ALL END.

NICE TRY,
DOC. SNIVELY
DIDN'T ZAP ME.
I GET TO SAVE
THE DAY LIKE
ALWAYS.

SILLY
BOY...

.. I TOLD
SNIVELY
TO LEAVE
YOU FOR
ME!



I'M SURPRISED
YOU RETAIN YOUR
CONFIDENCE AFTER SO
MANY FAILURES. OR
DID YOU FORGET
WHAT HAPPENED
TO TOMMY TURTLE
AND SIR CONNERY?

YOU NEVER
DEROBOTICIZED
YOUR FRIENDS
AND FAMILY.
AND YOUR
FATHER IS
STILL A
ROBOT!

OR HOW
ABOUT YOUR
LOVE-LIFE,
EH? SALLY,
MINA, EVEN
FIONA!

SO...

...HOW
COME
YOU'RE
ALL
ALONE?

SHUT UP!

THAT'S IT?
THAT'S YOUR
WITTY COMEBACK?
PLEASE, SONIC,
I WANT OUR LAST
GAME TO HAVE
SOME MERIT.

DING

DING

DING

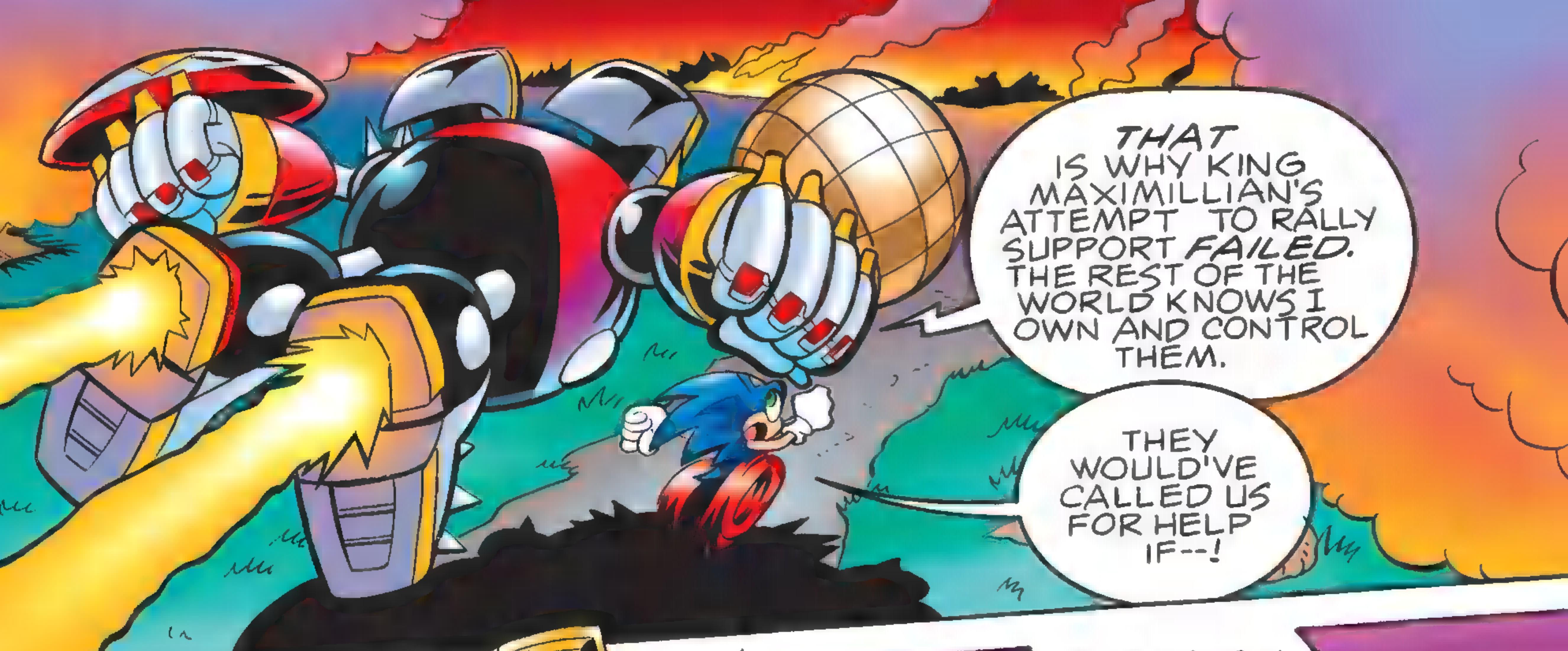
YOU THOUGHT
YOUR PITHY
RESISTANCE
ACTUALLY HAD
SOME KIND OF
TOE-HOLD AGAINST
MY EMPIRE?

THE WORLD FELL TO ME
SO QUICKLY, SO EASILY,
THAT I WAS LEFT WITH
NOTHING TO DO! I ALLOWED
YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO
EXIST SO THAT I MIGHT
ENTERTAIN MYSELF!

AHH!
LIAR!

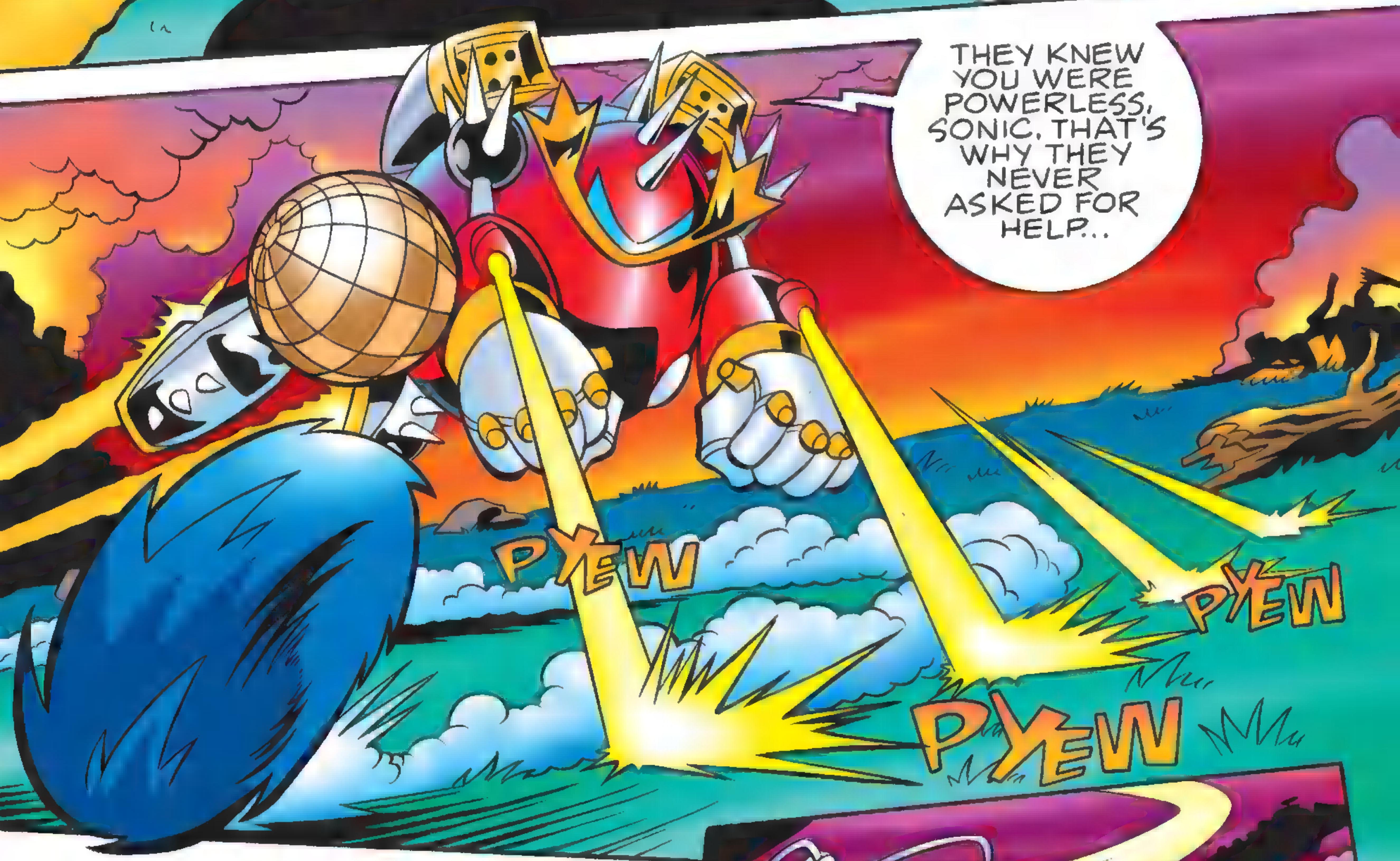
YOU'VE TRIED--
AND FAILED--
TO BEAT US IN
THE PAST!

I WILL CONCEDE
YOU ALL HAVE WON
MY LITTLE WAR
GAMES MORE TIMES
THAN NOT. BUT SO
WHAT? IS MOBIUS
ANY MORE FREE
NOW THAN IT WAS
YEARS AGO?

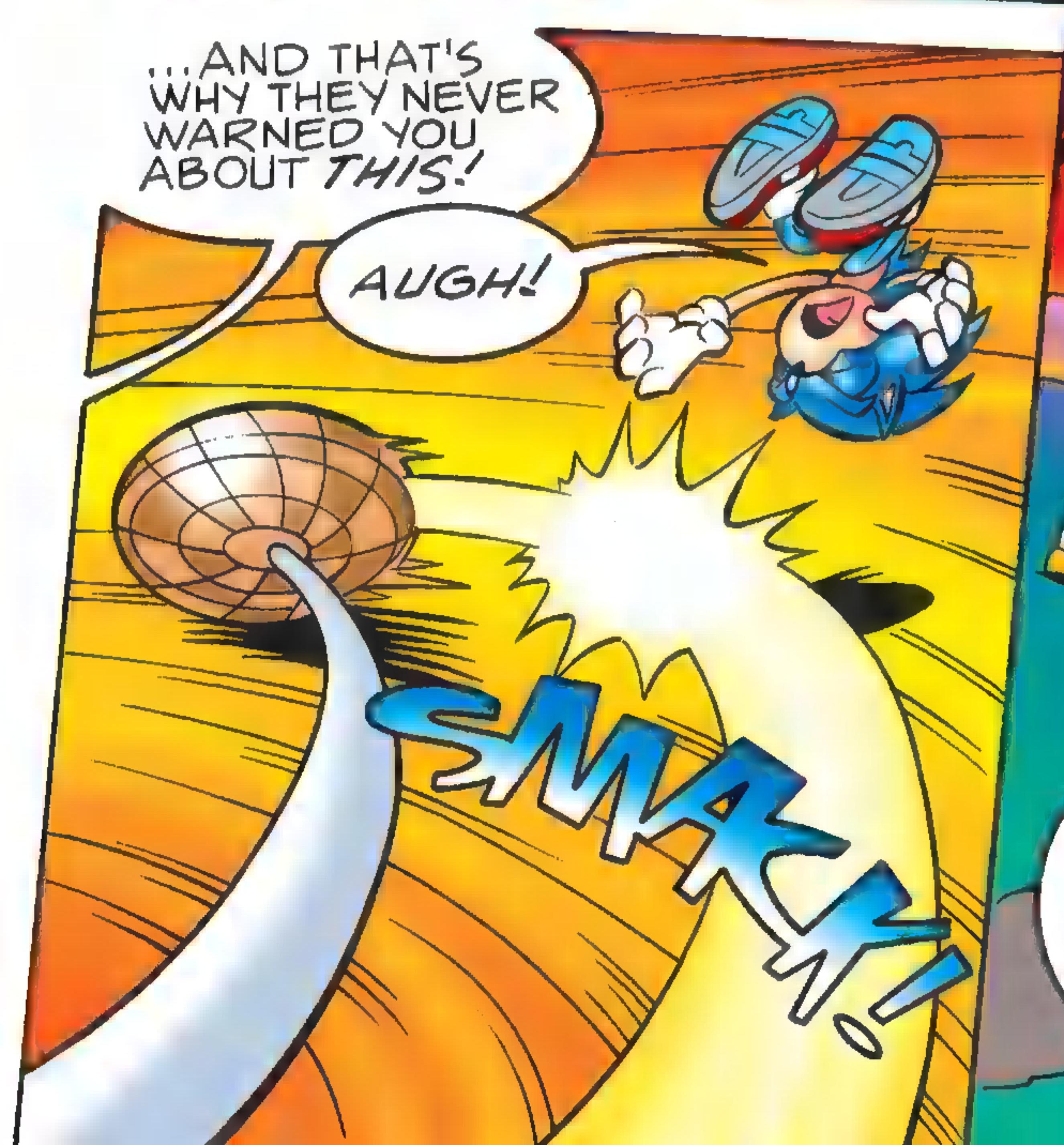


THAT IS WHY KING MAXIMILLIAN'S ATTEMPT TO RALLY SUPPORT FAILED. THE REST OF THE WORLD KNOWS I OWN AND CONTROL THEM.

THEY WOULD'VE CALLED US FOR HELP IF---!



THEY KNEW YOU WERE POWERLESS, SONIC. THAT'S WHY THEY NEVER ASKED FOR HELP...



...AND THAT'S WHY THEY NEVER WARNED YOU ABOUT THIS!

AUGH!



GET UP, RODENT. I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET.

HAHAHA!
OH, YOUR FUTILE
ACTIONS AMUSE
ME SO! YOU'LL
NEVER WIN
THIS BATTLE,
SONIC. YOU
CAN'T!

HURF!
KEEP
TALKING
BIG, DOC!
I'M NOT
DONE
YET!

YOU WERE FINISHED
BEFORE THE EGG
FLEET EVEN BEGAN
BOMBARDMENT. THIS
BATTLE SUIT IS SPECIF-
ICALLY DESIGNED TO
MATCH AND OUT-CLASS
YOUR SPEED AND
STRENGTH!

AHH!

ZAP!

I'VE STUDIED YOU
ALL YOUR LIFE,
RODENT. WE'VE
REACHED YOUR
LIMIT!

THE ONLY REASON
YOU CAN TAKE THIS
MUCH PUNISHMENT
IS DUE TO ALL THOSE
MAGIC RINGS YOU ONCE
COLLECTED. WHICH MEANS
I GET TO TOY WITH YOU
LONGER THAN SHOULD
BE REASONABLE!

LIMIT?
LIMIT?

EGAD! SNIVELY!
TRACK THE HEDGE-
HOG VIA THE EGG
SPY SATELLITES.
WHERE DID HE
GO?

WHOOOSH

TRACKING
NOW, SIR. HE'S...
HE'S MOVING A
LOT FASTER
THAN YOU
CALCULATED
HE COULD...

NONSENSE!
JUST GET ME HIS
LOCATION!

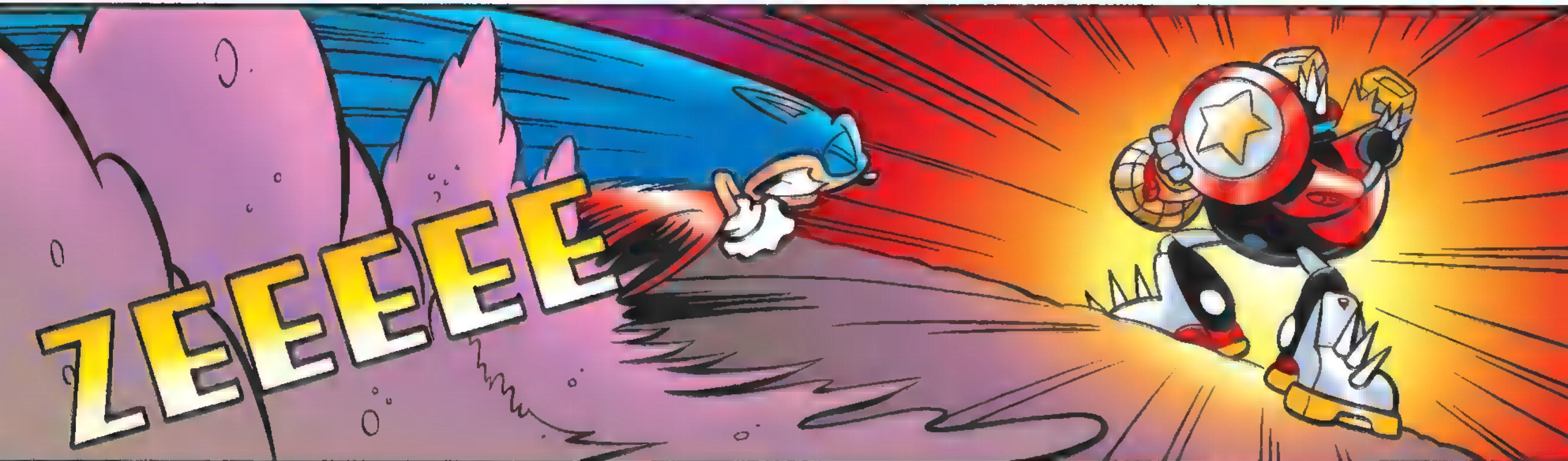
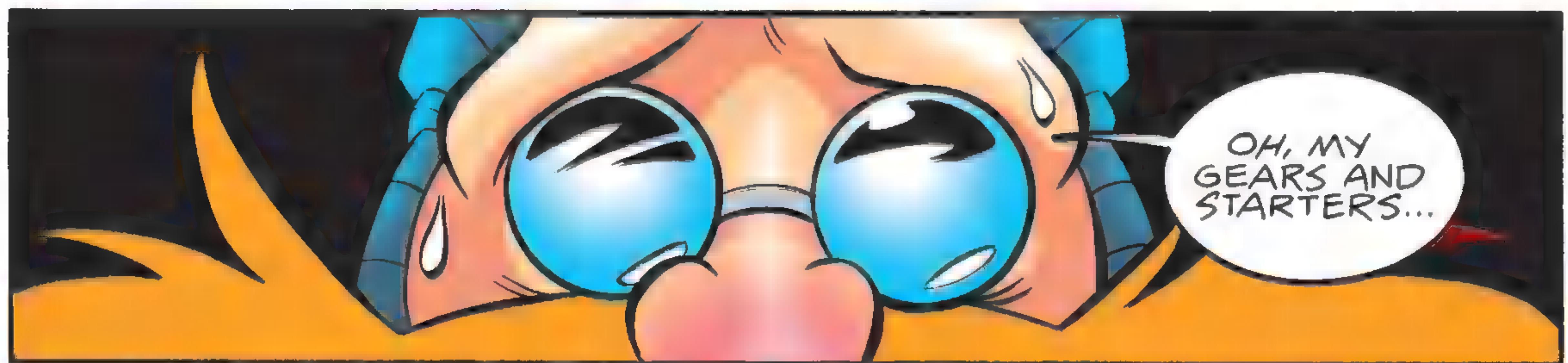
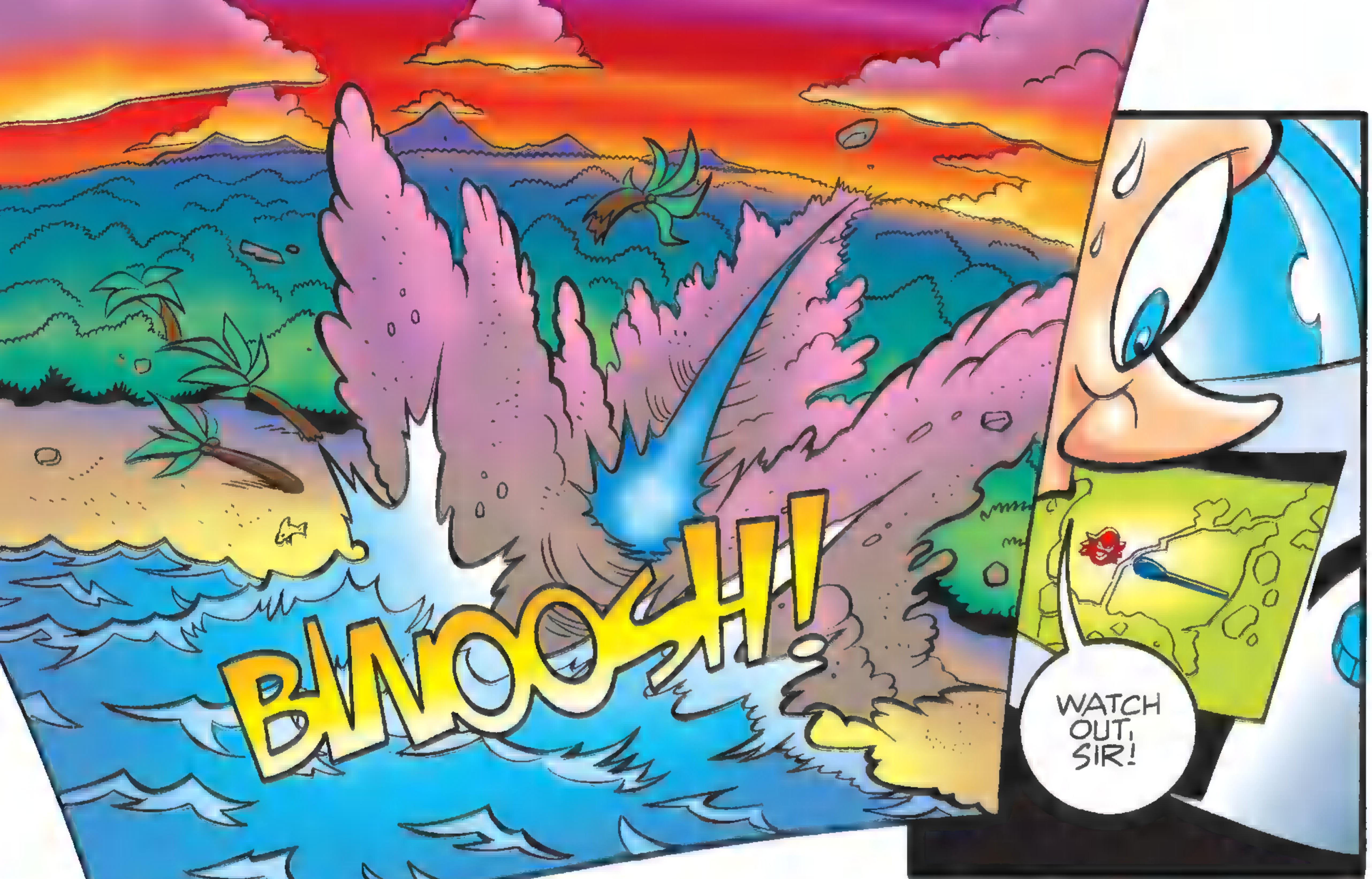
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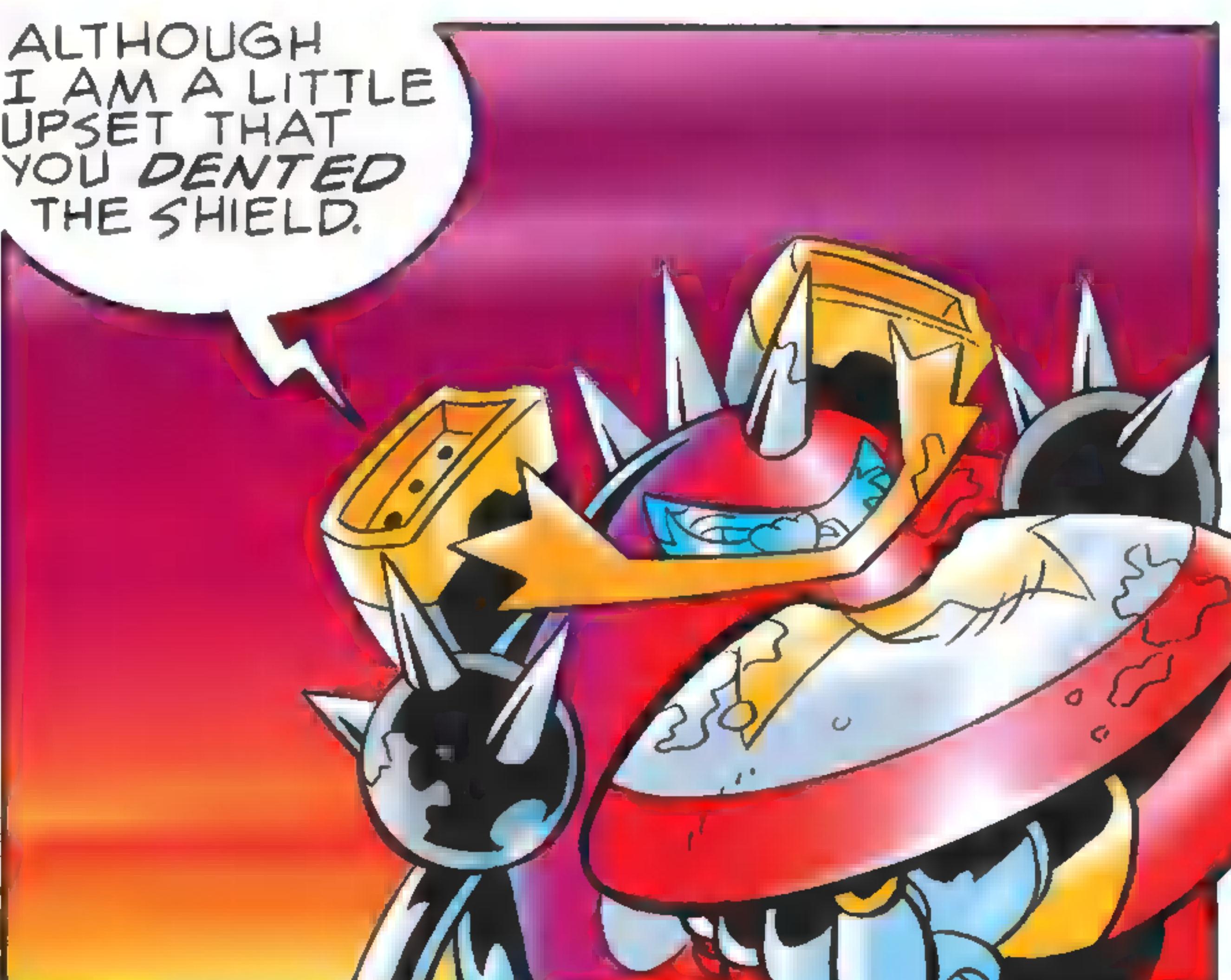
WHERE,
SNIVELY?
WHERE
?!

HE'S
ALREADY
ON THE
EAST
COAST!

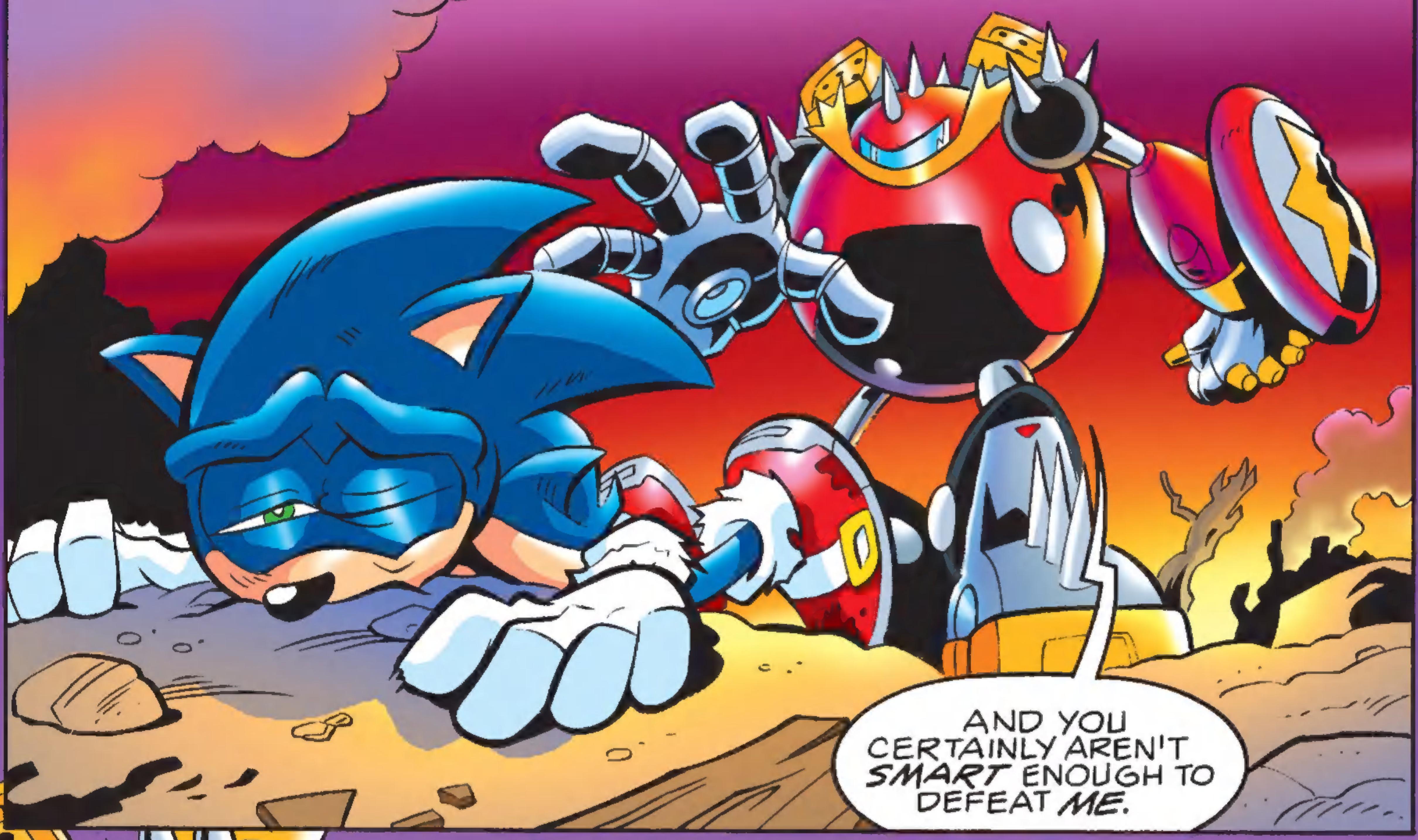
"LIMIT"

I'VE
GOT
YOUR
"LIMIT"
RIGHT
HERE!

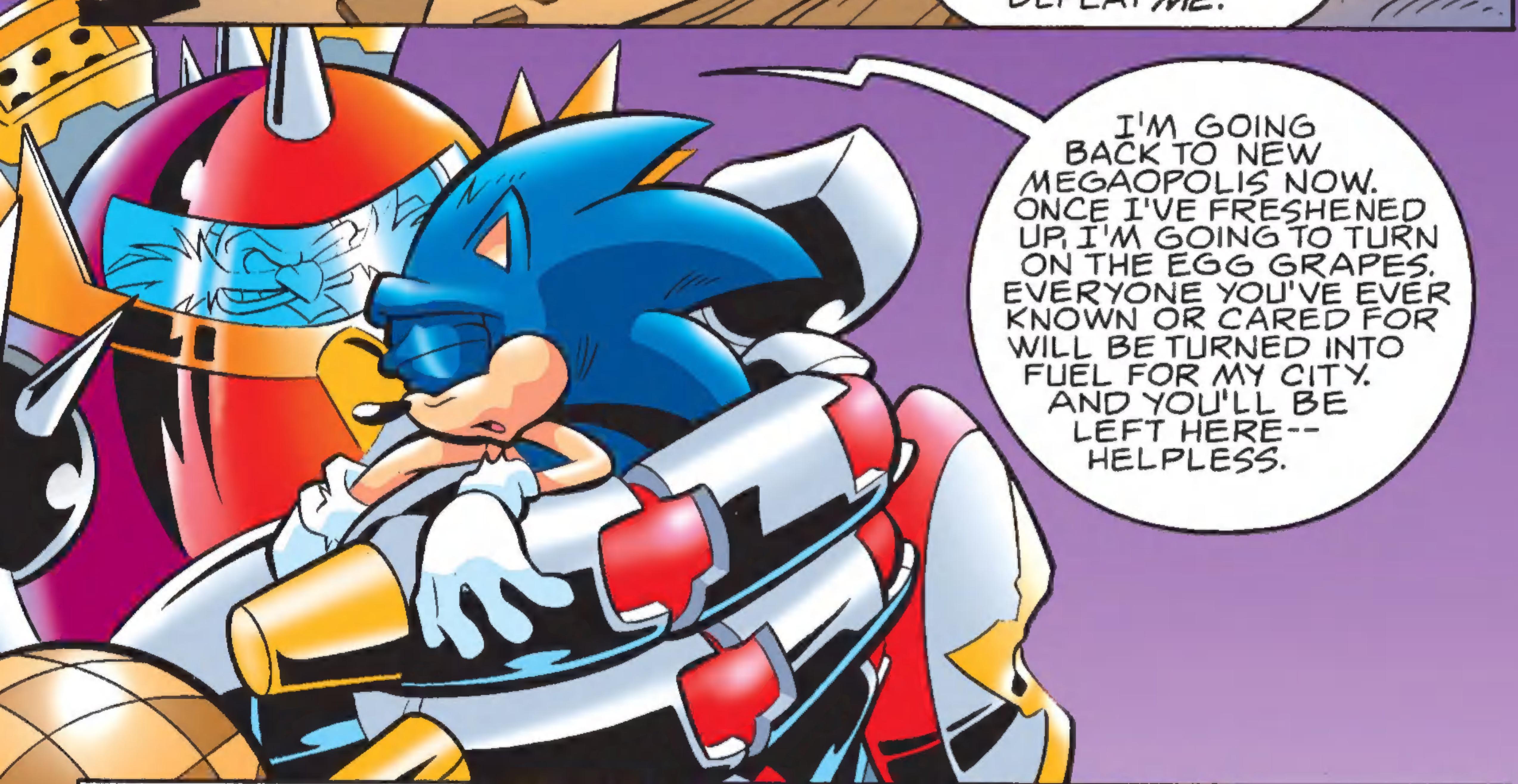






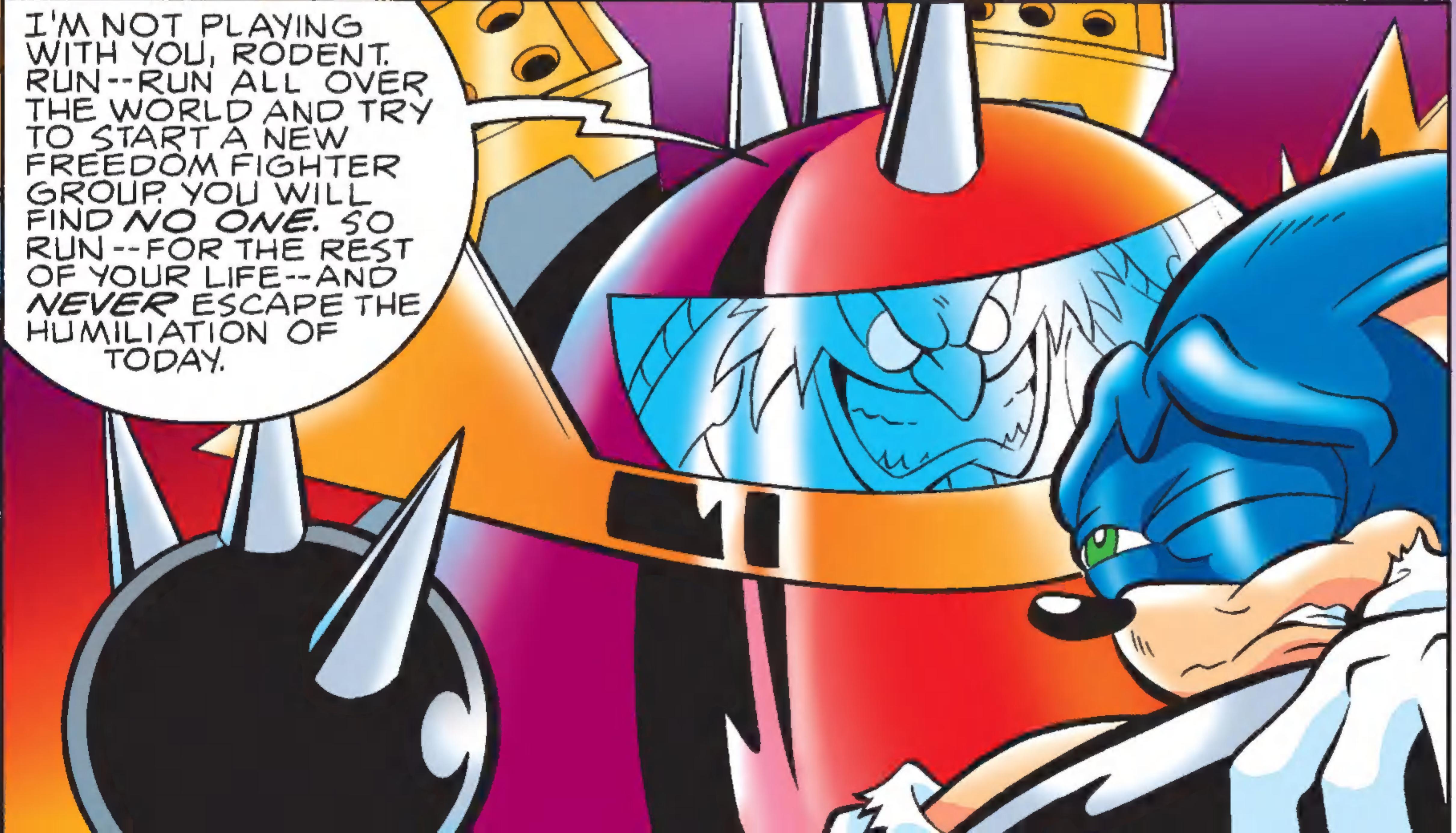


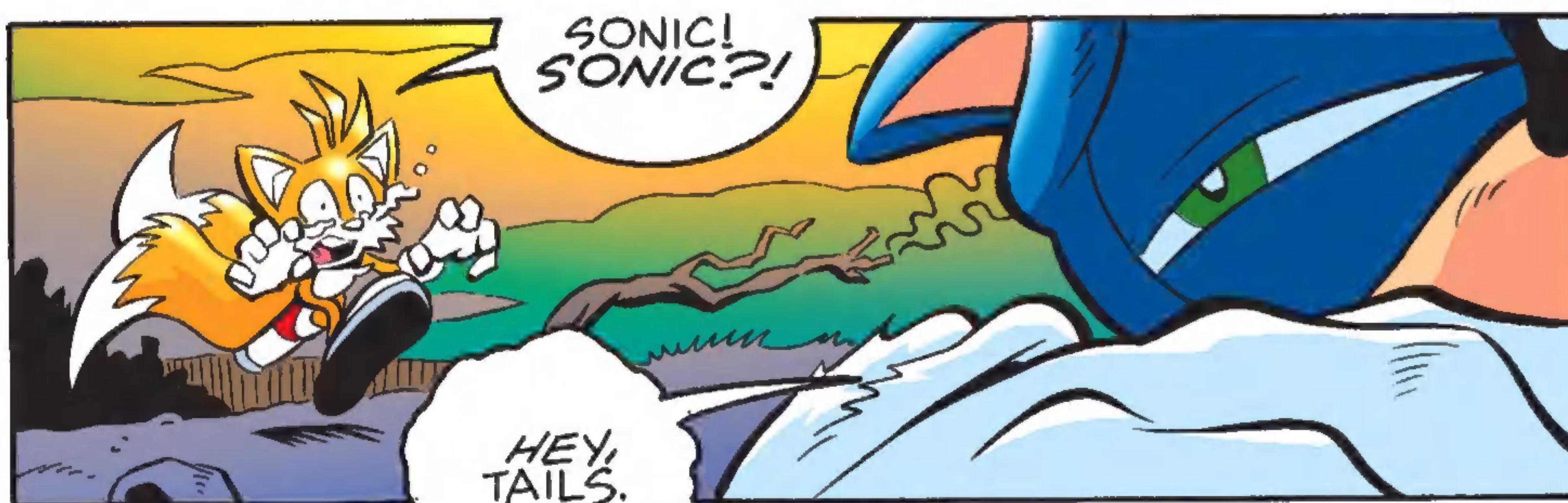
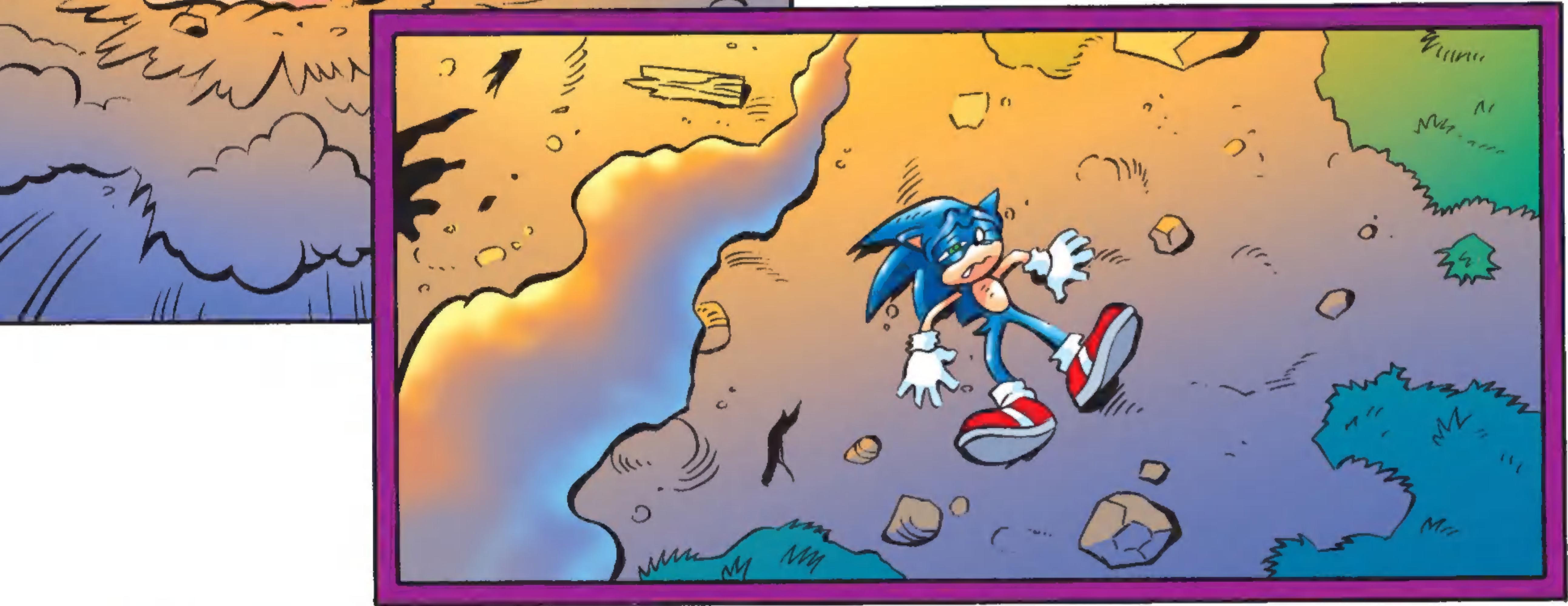
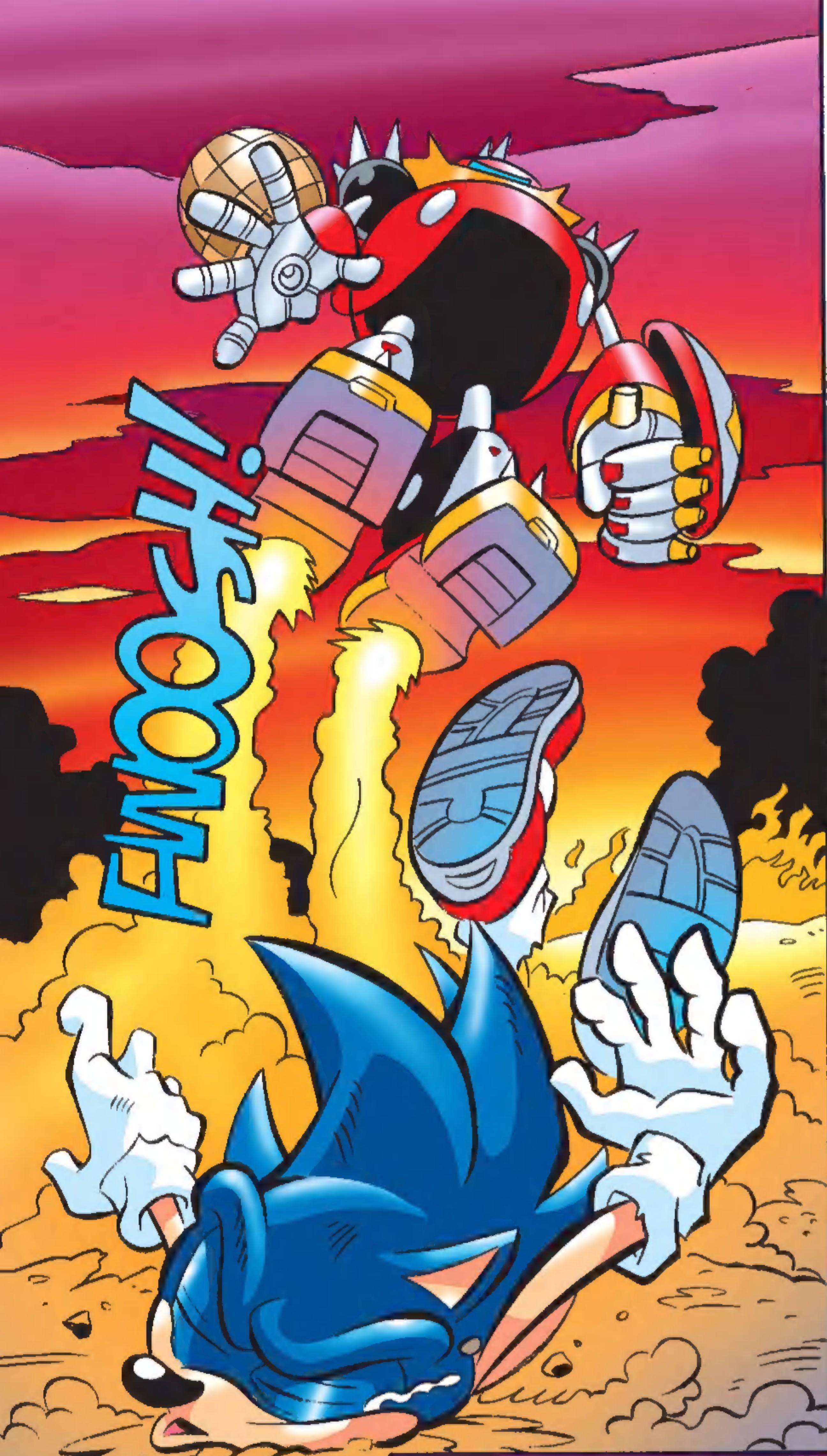
AND YOU
CERTAINLY AREN'T
SMART ENOUGH TO
DEFEAT ME.



I'M GOING
BACK TO NEW
MEGAOPOLIS NOW.
ONCE I'VE FRESHENED
UP, I'M GOING TO TURN
ON THE EGG GRAPES.
EVERYONE YOU'VE EVER
KNOWN OR CARED FOR
WILL BE TURNED INTO
FUEL FOR MY CITY.
AND YOU'LL BE
LEFT HERE--
HELPLESS.

I'M NOT PLAYING
WITH YOU, RODENT.
RUN--RUN ALL OVER
THE WORLD AND TRY
TO START A NEW
FREEDOM FIGHTER
GROUP. YOU WILL
FIND NO ONE. SO
RUN--FOR THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE--AND
NEVER ESCAPE THE
HUMILIATION OF
TODAY.





I'M SORRY,
SONIC! WE DUG
OUT AS FAST
AS WE COULD.
AND...!

DON'T
SWEAT
IT. I'LL
HEAL.

EVERYTHING
IS GONE...
EGGMAN'S
WON.

YEAH,
FOR
NOW...

FOR NOW?
WHAT DO
YOU...?

WE'RE STILL
BREATHING, RIGHT?
AND EVERYONE IS
STILL ALIVE. IT
MEANS WE'VE GOT
A CHANCE.

LET'S GET AMY
AND KNUCKLES
AND HURRY OVER
TO EGGMAN'S PLACE.
WE DON'T WANT TO
BE LATE FOR
THE PARTY.

WITH FOUR HEROES LEFT, CAN SONIC MANAGE A LAST-SECOND RESCUE?
OR IS DR. EGGMAN RIGHT? IS IT REALLY TOO LATE?
JOIN THE LAST-DITCH EFFORTS NEXT MONTH WHEN SONIC SEES IF HE CAN
START "CRACKING THE EMPIRE!"